

Application No. 09/695,718
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REMARKS

New claims 103 – 114 are respectfully submitted to clearly patentably distinguish over Watanabe et al U.S. Patent 5,557,096 for the reasons explained with reference to claim 99 in applicant's Response to Office Action of October 29, 2003, page 13, and page 14, the first paragraph.

In Section 6 at page 3 of the Official Action of May 29, 2003, it is stated that in Watanabe et al, the bar code reader 21 reads the identification number, but this identification number identifies the serial number of the delivery slip, Watanabe, col. 9, lines 2 – 8, and is not:

"communication control information which enables communication with the wireless communication device via the radio frequency spectrum," as recited in new claims 103 – 114. New claim 103 further recites:

"establishing communication via the radio frequency spectrum between the reader device and the wireless communication device based upon the communication enabling communication control information received from the reading of the optical symbology" (new claim 103, the last subparagraph), while the teaching of Watanabe is that the antennas such as 501a, 501b, FIG. 79, are arranged so that the RF communication field is effectively received by the delivery slip 506 of only one parcel at a time; this is confirmed by Watanabe at col. 48, lines 10 – 15, reading as follows:

"Data can thus be read from the home-delivery slip 522 by the transmitting/receiving antenna 525 which is installed in close proximity to the belt conveyor 524. As a result, an identification code of a destination and the like transmitted by a home-delivery slip affixed on a parcel can be prevented from being confused with those transmitted by a home-delivery slip affixed on another parcel." (Emphasis Supplied)

See also Watanabe, col. 48, lines 48 – 54 and col. 49, lines 24 – 32.

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The following table summarizes exemplary limitations of new claims 103 – 114 over Watanabe et al U.S. Patent 5,557,096

**Table Showing Exemplary Claim Limitations Distinguishing Over Watanabe, and
 Exemplary Antecedent Support Therefor in the Specification:**

New Claims	Exemplary Distinguishing Limitations	Exemplary Support in The Specification
103 - 106	Independent claim 103, lines 2 – 4, and the last two subparagraphs, and the further clauses of the dependent claims 104 - 106	Page 11, lines 13 ~ 21 Page 14, lines 8 – 13 Page 15, lines 13 – 15 Page 6, lines 12 - 15
107 - 110	Independent claim 107, the last two subparagraphs, and the further clauses of the dependent claims 108 - 110	Page 11, lines 13 – 21 Page 14, lines 8 – 13 Page 15, lines 13 – 15 Page 6, lines 12 - 15
111 - 114	Independent claim 111, the last three subparagraphs, and the further clauses of dependent claims 112 - 114	Page 11, lines 13 – 21 Page 14, lines 8 – 13 Page 15, lines 13 – 15 Page 6, lines 12 - 15

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New claims 115 and 116 are believed to be patentable for the same reasons as allowable claims 60 and 61, and claims 117 and 118 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as allowable claims 72 and 73.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to treat this or any future paper, requiring a petition for an extension of time, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account 14-1190.

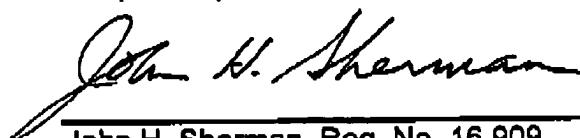
Extra Claim Fee

A Fee Transmittal form is attached herewith for payment of extra claim fees by charge to Deposit Account.

CONCLUSION

A favorable action on the all of the claims as listed herein is earnestly solicited, for the reasons explained in the Remarks of the Amendment and Response filed 10/31/2003 and for the additional reasons explained herein with respect to further claims 103-118.

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